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For: METHOD FOR DIAGNOSING INCORRECT
VALVE LIFT ADJUSTMENT IN AN
INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

Examiner: E. S. McCall

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is in response to the non-final Office Action dated February 7, 2005, wherein the Examiner did not acknowledge the references cited on the PTO-1449 submitted on July 8, 2003, and January 5, 2004. Applicants hereby submit an English abstract for DE 195 20 117 A1 and an English counterpart for DE 690 21 139 T2. Additionally, a Statement of Relevancy is provided below for the article, "MTZ Motortechische Zeitschrift" which is translated, "Automotive Engineering Magazine."

STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Automotive Engineering Magazine discloses an example of an internal combustion engine with inlet valves, the valve lift of which can be adjusted continuously or discretely by means of an adjustment mechanism are used with increasing frequency in vehicles.

Applicants would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO/SB/08a/b, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number Number-Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	1.	5,060,604	10-29-1991	Seki et al.	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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	2.	DE-69021139-T2	4-18-1996		Counterpart to U.S. 5,060,604 listed above	
	3.	DE-19520117-A1	12-5-1996		abstract	

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	1.	(2000) "The New Motor of the Porsche 911 Turbo," Automotive Engineering Magazine 61(11)- Statement of Relevancy provided in the Information Disclosure Statement	

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